

EPA Hearing on Wetlands Fill Permit Application

County Road 595 – Marquette County Road Commission
Marquette County, Michigan

Comment period, public hearing scheduled

EPA's public comment period runs from July 27 until **Sept. 4**.

At MDEQ's request, EPA will hold an informational public meeting, followed by a formal public hearing on **Tuesday, Aug. 28**.

**Informational presentation and Q&A
Session: 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Public hearing to accept comments
for the record: begins at 7 p.m.**

The facility will close at 10 p.m.

Location

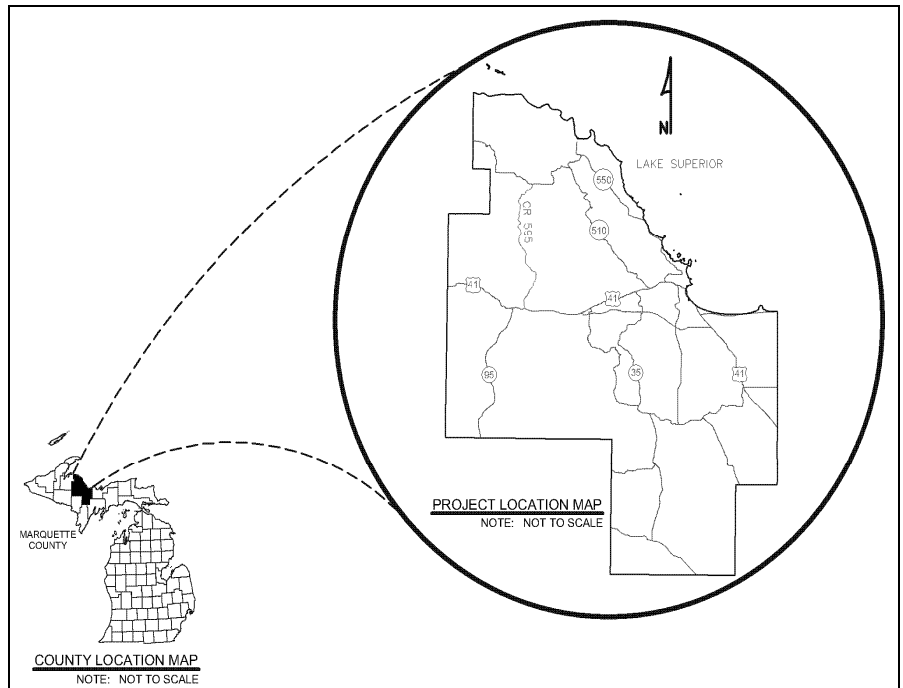
Northern Michigan University
Don H. Bottum University Center
Ontario/Michigan/Huron Rooms,
1401 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette

How to comment

The last day to provide comments to EPA is **Tuesday, Sept. 4**. Send written comments to:

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(WW-16J)
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590
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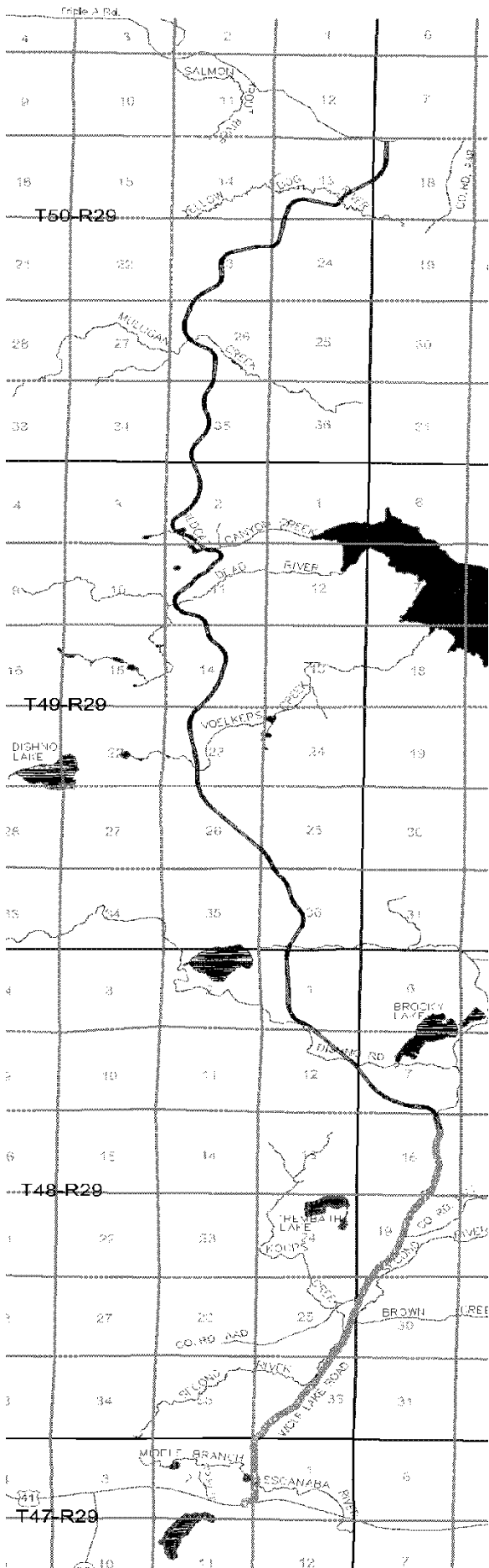


This map shows the proposed location of CR 595 in Marquette County, Michigan

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is considering issuing a wetlands fill permit to the Marquette County Road Commission under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Sections 301 and 303 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The Road Commission proposed a new 21.4-mile primary county road, running north-south between U.S. Highway 41 and County Road Triple A, through Champion, Ely, Humboldt, and Michigamme Townships (see back page). Its permit application stated that construction would affect 25.81 acres of wetlands and require building 22 stream crossings.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the proposed project and has raised questions as to whether there are practical, alternate routes which would have less impact on aquatic resources. EPA also noted the Commission's proposals to mitigate damage to wetlands and streams would not fully compensate for the loss of aquatic functions.

MDEQ has the authority to issue wetlands fill permits under the Clean Water Act. EPA retains oversight authority to object to proposed projects that do not comply with federal guidelines.



More information available

You may view the Marquette County Road Commission's permit application, amended application and additional documentation for the CR 595 project at:

Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library
317 N. Main Street
Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

If you wish view related documents at the EPA's Chicago regional office, please make an appointment by contacting:

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You may call the EPA toll-free, 800-621-8431, weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Or visit: www.epa.gov/region5/water/cr595.

Detailed map of proposed County Road 595.